

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room EV 2.309

09-05

**Present:**

R. Drew (Chair), O. Ahmad, C. Alecsandru, A. Ben Hamza, S. Bergler, N. Bouguila, T. Bui, H. Cooper, M. Debbabi, T. Fancott, A. Fagnoli, H. Gore, V.S. Hoa, W. E. Lynch, M. Medraj, L. Narayanan, M. Nokken, M. Paraschivoiu, M. Pugh, T. Radhakrishnan, K. Schmitt, Y. Shayan, C.W. Trueman, A. Youssef, M. Zaheeruddin, W.P. Zhu, R.G. Zmeureanu, N. Masi (secretary)

**Guests:**

D. Carosielli, A. Root

**Regrets:**

A. Akgunduz, S.T. Alkass, A. Brovkin, H. Chuttani, S. Cole, H. Cooper, J.M. Edwards, D. Graham, D. Garciafigueroa, F. Iqbal, S. Mudur, C. Mulligan, T. Music, R. Paknys, P. Pillay, A. Qasem, L. Quesnel,  
J. Rilling, N. Shiri, E.S. Takhtehfouladi, L. Wang, J. Woodsworth

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion:** That the agenda be adopted as submitted.  
**2009-05-01** (K. Schmitt/M. Pugh)

Vote: Carried unanimously

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of Meeting 2009-04 (April 3, 2009) be adopted as submitted.  
**2009-05-02** (K. Schmitt/W.E.Lynch)

Vote: Carried unanimously

3. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair acknowledged the departure of his three Associate Deans; Dr. Terry Fancott, Associate Dean, Special Projects, for his 19 years of dedication and long service, Professor Louise Quesnel who served nine years as Associate Dean, External Affairs and Dr. Bill Lynch who served six remarkable years as Associate Dean, Student Academic Services. The Chair thanked Dr. Bob Paknys for his services as Interim Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. A round of applause was given.

Dean Drew addressed to the council members that the GSSP policy has been revised following input received from various departments whereby given an option between the old SRT program and the new GSSP.

An incentive was received from the Provost's office providing additional top-up for high caliber PhD students. The Dean's plan is to raise 10 new PhD students plus 20 master and applied science students to get additional funding and raise weighted FTE enough to avoid budget cuts. He stated that this will provide an added \$10,000 of the GSSP and \$5,000 for the master applied science. Some members expressed concerns but Dean Drew stated that additional details on the topic will be passed on to Chairs and the graduate program directors.

The Chair congratulated James Goggans and the ECA team for raising \$20,000 for the Montreal Children's Hospital through their Annual Caring for Kids Radio-thon.

4. **Curriculum Changes to Electrical and Computer Engineering**

**Motion:** Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-01 which outlines curriculum changes to the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.  
**2009-05-03** (L. Narayanan/ W.E. Lynch)

Vote: Carried unanimously

5. **Curriculum Changes to Mechanical and Industrial Engineering**

**Motion:** Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-02 which outlines curriculum changes to the department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.  
**2009-05-04**

Dr. Stathopoulos objected to the proposal on the basis that graduate courses such as ENGR 6421 cannot be cross-listed to slot courses such as ENGR 498A, which are not permanent courses. The situation is worse with MECH 498C which is

proposed to be cross-listed with MECH 7221 (to be changed in a different package at the same meeting to MECH 6251), since the 700-level course has a pre-requisite, namely MECH 6111, while MECH 498C has no prerequisite.

He further suggested that the proposal might lead to problems in the future when students, who had done the undergraduate slot course, which does not appear in the Calendar, would wish to take the "equivalent" graduate course.

Other members of Council differed, saying that it wouldn't be difficult maintaining records, which would resolve the last problem mentioned by Dr. Stathopoulos.

*(L. Narayanan/ M. Pugh)*

Vote: 2 opposed

**6. Graduate Curriculum Proposals for the 2009/10 Academic Year, Dept of CIISE**

**Motion:**  
**2009-05-05**

In the absence of Dr. Mulligan, Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-03 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2009/10 academic year for the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering.  
*(L. Narayanan/ M. Debbabi)*

Vote: Carried unanimously

**7. Graduate Curriculum Proposals for the 2009/10 Academic Year, Dept of ECE**

**Motion:**  
**2009-05-06**

In the absence of Dr. Mulligan, Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-04 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2009/10 academic year for the department of Electric and Computer Engineering.  
*(L. Narayanan/ W. E. Lynch)*

Vote: Carried unanimously

**8. Graduate Curriculum Proposals for the 2009/10 Academic Year, Dept of MIE**

**Motion:**  
**2009-05-07**

In the absence of Dr. Mulligan, Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-05 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2009/10 academic year for the department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

Due to some objections and concerns, it was agreed that the rationale be updated; for MECH 6251, the pre-requisite course MECH 6111 be amended or require permission of the instructor.

*(L. Narayanan/ M. Pugh)*

Vote: Carried unanimously

9. **Graduate Curriculum Proposals for the 2010/11 Academic Year, Dept of CSE**

**Motion:**  
**2009-05-08**

In the absence of Dr. Mulligan, Dr. Narayanan moved document ECFC 2009-05-06 which outlines graduate curriculum proposals for the 2010/11 academic year for the department of Computer and Software Engineering.  
*(L. Narayanan/ T. Fevens)*

It was agreed that the proposal be returned to the department for modification and sent back to the Graduate Curriculum Committee over the summer for review. It will be placed on the next Faculty Council in September for approval.

Table motion: *T. Stathopoulos/L. Narayanan*

Vote: Carried unanimously

10. **Ratification of Faculty Representatives elected on various Committees**

**Motion:**  
**2009-05-09**

That the results of the ballots cast for the candidates elected to various committees for the upcoming academic year be ratified by council.  
*(W.E. Lynch/M. Pugh)*

Vote: Carried unanimously

11. **There was no other business to report.**

12. **Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm**  
*(M. Pugh/M. Medraj)*